

MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK'S ADVICE TO JUNE BRIDES—"BEWARE OF UNDUE CURIOSITY"

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The Famous Diva

A clever woman said the other day that she thought that curiosity was the greatest and most poisonous dart the devil had in his quiver with which to torture poor, sinful man.

The old nursery tale of Bluebeard's wives had a solid kernel of wisdom within its allegory.

Curiosity is one of the greatest of vices and paradoxically it can be one of the greatest of virtues.

The woman of no curiosity rarely accomplishes anything.

The right kind of curiosity means the finding out of the best way to live. It means always playing the game with always a curiosity to know what the end will be if you play it fairly and to the best of your ability.

But undue curiosity savors of suspicion and there is nothing more liable to lead the marriage ship on the rocks of destruction than that the mate should grow suspicious of the captain.

I know that sounds very old-fashioned and behind these times of ultra-feminism, but every wife would be happier if she recognized her husband as the captain and as a loyal mate she should refrain from rocking the boat.

It is a foolish habit, that of curiosity, and if a woman would be a successful wife she will not inquire too closely into the affairs of her husband or those of his family. Neither will she allow anyone to come to her with any story about her husband.

I have a friend who married very young and although she was foolish in many ways she was not curious and when her husband's own father came to her with complaints about her husband she told him that she did not care to hear them.

To me she always stood for the bravest, most beautiful wifehood I have even known and I ever felt for

her a sympathetic and compassionate admiration that was a million times greater than those who came to me with tales of grief and woe.

While I do not think it is always a woman's duty to make this sacrifice I do feel that having made it she should stand by her guns.

It is no woman's duty to live with a man if life becomes only a desperate struggle to keep her own self-respect; but as long as she lives with her husband the secrets of her married life should be inviolate.

(Another Schumann-Heink Article Tomorrow.)

NEW FIELD OPEN TO BUSINESS WOMAN IN FRUIT TRADE



Myrtle Merritt

Miss Myrtle Merritt of Durant, Okla., recently elected vice president of the Arkansas State Retailers' association, is the first woman to hold such a position in the United States. Miss Durant is an authority on the fruit shipping trade.